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## **From Sea to Space: Wallops Flight Facility Holding an Open House**

The Wallops Flight Facility, home to Federal, state, and commercial organizations, will hold an Open House from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, June 24.

The Open House will include activities for people of all ages with an interest in research and operations on the sea and in to space.

The purpose of the Open House is to showcase the many operations conducted at Wallops by NASA, the U.S. Navy, NOAA, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Virginia Space Flight Center, and commercial organizations. It also will highlight the partnerships Wallops has with organizations in the community.

The day will include tours of facilities; more than 30 exhibits and 10 aircraft on display; a model rocket demonstration; a kids activity tent; and a fire fighting demonstration and the Millsboro Fire Department Smoke House. Also, the Navy Seals; a Navy band; the U.S. Coast Guard Drill Team; the Coast Guard sponsored NASCAR of Winston Cup Series driver Jerry Nadeau; and the NASA Benefits of Space Trailer will be on hand.

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Also, general aviation enthusiasts will be allowed to fly in for the Open House. Pre-registration is required. For registration information, call (757) 824-1139.

The Facility was last opened to the public in 1995. Approximately 5,000 people attended the 1995 event and planning officials think that the 2000 Open House is bigger and better.

Areas that will be open for tours include the NASA Sounding Rocket Payload Facility, the Navy Surface Combat Systems Center, and the NOAA Command and Data Acquisition Station.

Exhibits will highlight the research conducted by NASA in aeronautics, Earth Science, and space research; the operations of the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy and the Virginia Space Flight Center; information on the area's environment and wildlife; and efforts of commercial organizations in naval and aerospace technology.

Aircraft that are expected to be on display include a Navy F-18, C-2 and Search and Rescue Helicopter; a NASA C-130; a Maryland National Guard A-10; a Maryland State Police Medivac and a Virginia State Police helicopter; Coast Guard aircraft; and two Unmanned Aerial Vehicles from Aurora Flight Sciences.

The day's schedule is:

Fun Run	8 – 9 a.m.
Wallops Main Base Open	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Millsboro Smoke House	9 a.m. – noon
Wallops Island open (self-driving tours)	9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Navy facility tours	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
NOAA tours	10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (on the half hour)
NASA Sounding Rocket Facility tours	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Aircraft departure	3:30 – 5 p.m.

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